REMARKS

The Office Action of January 4, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite a method of controlling access of a first buffer operation and a second buffer operation to a shared buffer to prevent overwriting of data not yet read or reading of locations to which valid data has not yet been written.

The foregoing features are not believed to be taught or suggested by the cited reference.

Allowance of claims 9-16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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